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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OREP (STAFFDEL MAJAK)
SUBJECT: CYRIL BATHE CASE

1. LATEST ON CYRIL BATHE CASE: OTHER COUNTRIES RELUCTANT TO APPROVE CASE AS THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE INDICTMENT OF FRANCE. BELGIUM, HOWEVER, WON'T DISAPPROVE. OTHERS MAY FOLLOW AND SIMPLY ABSTAIN. FRANCE NO-LONGER CLAIMING PRESSES ARE AUTOMOTIVE. NOW CLAIMING THEY ARE "BRIDGE-TYPE." MAKING CASE THEY ARE QUALITATIVELY DIFFERENT THAN BATHE PRESS. BUT REFUSES TO PROVIDE ANY FURTHER TECHNICAL DETAILS. ROOT CONSIDERING WITHDRAWING AND DISAPPROVING LICENSE IF FRANCE PROVES CONVINCING THAT ITS PRESSES ARE QUALITATIVELY DIFFERENT, OR RESUBMITTING CASE UNDER 10-YEAR-OLD OBSOLETE TECHNOLOGY RULE TO GET IT APPROVED WITHOUT SANCTIONING FRANCE. INCREDIBLE.

2. PLEASE SEE THAT IM AM INCLUDED IN MAY 16 LUNCH FOR BRITISH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER JUDD. REQUEST GEORGE INGRAM WORK UP ONE-PAGE MEMO ON REPORTED BRITISH CHANGE OF POSITION ON COMMON FUND TO SERVE AS BASIS FOR JOB QUESTION.
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